trains and Delhi markets etc. if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Mehsana district Police had ammunition:

RDX	—	4 Kgs.
Pistols	—	115 (Nos.)
Magazine	—	113 Nos.
Cartridges	—	750 Nos.
Detonators	—	10 Nos.

(c) As per information available the police has so far arrested the following persons in this connection:

(i) Mohd. Fazal S/o Mohd. Ashrat r/o 34/70 Chirag Chi Mohalla. Dungarpura. Khadim Mohalla. Ajmer;

(ii) Popatbhai Veersinhbhai Chaudhary, r/o village Bamasona, Taluk Mehsana Gujarat;

(iii) Praveenbhai Prahladbhai Patel of Gerajpur, district Mehsana;

The consignment was reportedly smuggled on the directions of one Abdul Majid, presently staying in Dubai and supplied to Mohd. Fazal by Sipah-e-Sabiha, a fundamentalist organisation in Pakistan.

(d) There is no definite input to this effect.

Paramilitary forces for Andhra Pradesh

522. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Union Government to despatch additional 50 companies of Central paramilitary forces to beef up security in the naxalite infested areas of the State;

(b) whether the Union Government have accepted the request of State Government; and

(c) if so, details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Central Para Military Forces are made available to the States to assist them in maintaining public order. The levels of deployment depend upon the requirement of each State and overall availability of the Force. Central Para Military Forces have also been made available to the Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, it may not to be appropriate to indicate the details of Forces or level of deployment in public interest

Reactivating National Development Council and the Inter-State Council

523. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to reactivate and energise the National Development Council and the Inter-State Council;

(b) the present status of these institutions; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The Inter-State Council set up in the year 1990 under article 263 of the Constitution of India held its second meeting on October 15, 1996 after a gap of about six years. During this meeting, the Inter-State Council recommended that there should be a Standing Committee of the Council for continuous consultations and processing of matters for the consideration of the Council. The Standing Committee has since been constituted vide MHA Notification No. 7/4/96-ISC dated December 5, 1996. The Standing Committee will:—

(i) have continuous consultation and process matters for consideration of the Council;